

## VOTERS GUIDE EDITOR

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# VOTERS GUIDE

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

# ELECTION 2013

## TUESDAY, NOV. 5

POLLS OPEN 7 A.M.-8 P.M.

Look for voter checklists on Monday, Nov. 4, and follow the election online all day Nov. 5 on [themorningcall.com](http://themorningcall.com)

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**Candidates were asked:** Because of some public concern about the amount of money being spent on statewide judicial elections, would you support an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution changing the method of selecting statewide judges to a merit selection process? Why or why not?

## JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, which was established in 1895, reviews most of the civil and criminal cases that are appealed from the Courts of Common Pleas in the commonwealth's 67 counties. The Superior Court consists of 15 judges who serve 10-year terms. The president judge of Superior Court is elected to a five-year term by his or her colleagues. A huge volume of appeals flow to Superior Court from the trial courts. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh. The court often is the final arbiter of legal disputes. Although the Supreme Court may grant a petition for review of a Superior Court decision, most such petitions are denied and the ruling of the Superior Court stands.

**Term:** 10 years  
**Salary:** \$188,337

Vote for one

**Republican**

### VIC STABILE

Carlisle  
<http://www.vicstabile.com>

**D.O.B.:** 1957

**EDUCATION:** 1982, Dickinson School of Law, J.D., member Law Review, 1979, SUNY Stonybrook, cum laude, B.A.

**OCCUPATION:** Partner and managing member — Dilworth Paxson LLP, Harrisburg.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Over 30 years of significant trial and appellate experience, former appellate judicial clerk, former

deputy attorney general, recognized for exemplary community and pro bono work.

**RESPONSE:** I have been involved in both the election and merit selection of judges. While election may depend heavily on funding, merit selection may eliminate qualified candidates for political reasons. Neither system is a panacea. Some combination of the best parts of each system that enables the best qualified candidates to be selected by the citizens of Pennsylvania and provides a method for fair and accessible competition would, in my opinion, improve the current system of judicial selection.

**Democrat**

### JACK MCVAY JR.

Pittsburgh

**D.O.B.:** 1956

**EDUCATION:** Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, bachelor of science, 1980; University of Pittsburgh, summer classes; Duquesne University School of Law, juris doctorate, 1984.

**OCCUPATION:** Allegheny County Common Pleas judge, Family Division.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Highly recommended by the Allegheny County Bar Association. Recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Nearly 30 years of experience practicing law in both the public and private sector. Six years of experience serving as a trial judge in the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas, Family Division.

**RESPONSE:** To my thinking, I cannot envision an elected or merit selection system that is free from political considerations influencing the process. I believe putting the focus of reform on eliminating the direct election of judges is misplaced. Rather, I support reforms that will mitigate the role money plays in the process, perhaps capping individual and political action committee donation levels and creating campaign spending disincentives. At this time, I prefer to trust the voters.

## RETENTION QUESTIONS

## JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is a court of last resort that sits only en banc and presides over a mixture of direct and discretionary appeals. Every Supreme Court justice votes on every matter, including direct appeals, capital appeals (direct and collateral), allocaturs, discretionary appeals, Children's Fast Track matters, gaming appeals, grand jury appeals, legislative redistricting appeals, King's Bench petitions, certified questions from federal courts, election appeals, emergency petitions, petitions for review, judicial disciplinary matters, attorney disciplinary matters, recommen-

dations from eight rules committees and six court-related boards, miscellaneous petitions, ancillary matters, and pro se matters. The court's complement of seven justices is not supplemented with senior justices, and when the court is shorthanded, as it was for over a year recently, the remaining justices must take on the added workload. Most often, but not exclusively the court reviews:

- Requests for discretionary appeals from the Commonwealth Court and Superior Court
- Direct appeals from a lower court's decision, including when a sentence of death is issued
- Requests to intervene in a lower court's proceedings
- Requests to deliver a body from illegal detention

**Term:** 10 Years

**Salary:** \$199,606. (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court salary: \$205,415)

Vote Yes or No

Shall **Max Baer** be retained for an additional term as justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Pittsburgh

**D.O.B.:** 1947

**EDUCATION:** 1971—B.A. University of Pittsburgh; 1975—J.D. Duquesne University; 1985-1986—Robert Morris College, Masters of Tax Program; 2013—Hon. J.D. Widener University.

**OCCUPATION:** Supreme Court justice.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Trial court judge, Allegheny County-13 years; administrative judge, Family Division—10 years; Pa Child Advocacy Award 1999; PA Dept. of Public Welfare, Adoption Advocate of the Year 1997; Champion of Children Award, Most Valuable Peacemaker 2004.

**RESPONSE:** No. Election is a grounding, humbling experience. It's good for our judges to be grounded and humble. No objection to expanded pre-requisites for judges.

Shall **Ronald D. Castille** be retained for an additional term as justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Philadelphia

**D.O.B.:** 1944

**EDUCATION:** Auburn University 1966; University of Virginia Law 1971.

**OCCUPATION:** Supreme Court justice.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Philadelphia district attorney, elected twice; 5 years in Philadelphia District Attorney's Office; Supreme Court of PA, 20 years.; 1st Lt. USMC (Ret); Bronze Star; two Purple Heart medals.

**RESPONSE:** I support the proposition. I have always (since 1993) thought the electoral process is the wrong way to select judges. Politics doesn't always give the best judges and the natural tendency of citizens is to think that elected judges are beholden to the political parties and special interest supporters of the candi-

date.

## JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

**Term:** 10 years

**Salary:** \$188,337

Vote Yes or No

Shall **Susan Peikes Gantman** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Narberth

**D.O.B.:** 1952

**EDUCATION:** 1974 University of Pennsylvania, B.A., M.A.; 1977 Villanova University School of Law, J.D.

**OCCUPATION:** Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Judge, 9 3/4 years, 162 precedential opinions including 18 en banc opinions, 2162 memorandum decisions and dispositions; partner private practice; former assistant district attorney; e practice; former assistant district attorney.

**RESPONSE:** I would not support the amendment. Fair and impartial courts are a guarantor of justice in our democracy. Competitive elections are the most democratic manner to make judges accountable to the public. An independent commission of the Pennsylvania Bar Association reviews judicial candidates and recommended Judge Gantman's retention stating: "[She] is recognized as possessing exemplary knowledge of legal principles. . . . Her integrity and personal character are beyond reproach and she is held in high esteem."

Shall **Jack Panella** be retained for an additional term as judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Palmer Township

[www.facebook.com/jackpanellacampaign](http://www.facebook.com/jackpanellacampaign)

**D.O.B.:** 1955

**EDUCATION:** 1977, St. John's University, B.S. with honors; 1980, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, J.D. with honors.

**OCCUPATION:** Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Trial and appellate judge for 23 years; former president, judge of Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline; authored two books for judges and lawyers.

**RESPONSE:** I would support true merit selection which would operate without political influences. This process would utilize representation by diverse organizations and professionals differentiating it from typical appointment systems. Negative campaigning is fueled by excessive spending. The tone which dominated the campaign for the Supreme Court in 2009 is truly regrettable. While I never questioned my own judicial integrity, I made a personal pledge to never again raise money for a judicial office.



## DISTRICT JUDGE

The district justice is the court of the first instance. It is a small-claims court which has jurisdiction up to \$8,000 and handles all criminal and traffic cases that arise in the district. They preside over arraignments and can fix and accept bail on criminal cases not involving murder or voluntary manslaughter.

**Term:** 6 years

**Salary:** \$86,639

Vote for one

## DISTRICT 03-2-05

City of Easton Wards 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

**Republican/Democratic  
Cross-filed**

**ANTONIA GRIFO**

## DISTRICT 03-2-06

City of Easton Wards 9, 10, 11 and 12, Glendon and Williams Township

**Republican/Democrat  
Cross-filed**

**DANIEL G. CORPORA**

## DISTRICT 03-2-08

Bath borough, East Allen Township, Nazareth borough, Stockertown, Upper Nazareth Township.

**Republican/Democrat  
Cross-filed**

**JOHN CAPOBIANCO**

## DISTRICT 03-2-11

City of Bethlehem Wards 15, 16 and 17

**Republican/Democrat  
Cross-filed**

**PATRICIA ROMIG-PASSARO**

## JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMON PLEAS

Except where an exclusive original jurisdiction is vested in another court, the Court of Common Pleas has unlimited original jurisdiction of all civil and criminal actions and proceedings. Northampton County has nine judges of Court of Common Pleas.

**Candidates were asked:** What three suggestions do you have to improve court procedures and efficiency?

**Term:** 10 years

**Salary:** \$173,271

Vote for one

**Republican/Democrat  
Cross-filed**

**JENNIFER SLETVOLD**

<http://jennifersletforjudge.com>

**D.O.B.:** 1972

**EDUCATION:** 1994, West Chester University, B.S. criminal justice; 1997, Dickinson School of Law, juris doctor.

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney, college professor, mother.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Attorney for 15 years with broad spectrum of civil trial experience in state and federal courts, representing businesses, individuals, and victims of crimes; professor at Northampton Community College teaching law for emergency services to police officers and firefighters; and business law and contract law. ///

**RESPONSE:** 1) Work with courts and social agencies to reduce prison overcrowding by getting mentally ill persons out of the prison system. Have DUI and drug offenders streamlined for remedial sentences to address core problems and reduce recidivism. 2) Have civil cases assigned to individual judges from inception to oversee management from start to finish. 3) Work with criminal division and probation to collect backlog of unpaid criminal fines and court costs.

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Candidates were asked:** What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

**Republican**

**JOHN BROWN**

Bangor

<http://BrownforExecutive.com>

**D.O.B.:** 1961

**EDUCATION:** Bangor High School, 1979; B.S. University of Notre Dame, 1983.

**OCCUPATION:** Consultant.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 30 years of executive business experience creating jobs, managing budgets, controlling costs for domestic and global organizations; Four years as mayor of Bangor borough; 2011 Mayor of the Year by the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**RESPONSE:** Jobs, taxes and economic development. We need to invest in job creators, unleashing them to bring growth to Northampton County. For 30 years, I have been doing just this — guiding global businesses to unleash growth potential. Bringing this experience to the mayor's office, I guided the borough's revitalization, attracted development resources, cut taxes while balancing the budget, turned a running deficit into a nearly 1

million dollar surplus. I bring these skills as county executive.

**Democrat**

**JOHN CALLAHAN**

Bethlehem

<http://callahanforexecutive.com>

**D.O.B.:** 1969

**EDUCATION:** B.S. biology, Moravian, 1991 (cum laude).

**OCCUPATION:** Mayor, city of Bethlehem.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Senior institutional health care consultant at Pfizer (12 years); Bethlehem city councilman, 1998-04 (seven years); mayor of Bethlehem, 2004-13 (10 years).

**RESPONSE:** Creating jobs. As mayor, I led the effort to transform Bethlehem Steel grounds into a thriving economic engine that attracts billions in private-sector investment. I've worked to create thousands of family-sustaining jobs. I know the high-paying, 21st century jobs are the key to keeping the next generation in Northampton County. As county executive, I will use this strategic approach to engage with the private sector and create more jobs right here at home.

## COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than five

**Republican**

**PEG FERRARO**

Bushkill Township

**D.O.B.:** 1939

**EDUCATION:** Nazareth Area High School, 1957; Kutztown University, 1961.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired from Nazareth Area School District; part time executive director, Nazareth Area Blue Eagles Education Foundation.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Former Planning Commission member; chairman of Zoning Hearing Board and township supervisor and treasurer of Upper Nazareth Township; 18-year member of Northampton County Council, currently vice president.

**RESPONSE:** Fiscal responsibility must be first and foremost in all levels of government. Only by becoming more efficient can we stretch our tax dollars. Adams County is the first county in PA to do a serious restructuring of the way a county does business. It is my hope that the next county executive and County Council looks at improvement practices to improve efficiencies.

**HAYDEN R. PHILLIPS**

Lower Nazareth Township

<http://haydenphillips.com>

**D.O.B.:** 1953

**EDUCATION:** Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre, 1971; B.S. Mansfield State University, 1975; MBA Lehigh University,

1980.

**OCCUPATION:** Senior information technology project manager for Hewitt Packard (Enterprise Services).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** First time running for public office. Leadership: retired colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves; management: technical and financial among diverse, competing stakeholders.

**RESPONSE:** The combination of taxes; (school and county property, municipal, federal/state income, gasoline); creates a crushing burden. It is driving seniors out of their homes. Likewise, the cumulative amount of federal, state, county and municipal debt is staggering and is our negative inheritance to our grandchildren. There is a need for citizens (not politicians) to go in at every level of government and say this must STOP. I plan to be that citizen for Northampton County.

**GLENN GEISSINGER**

Plainfield Township

<http://GeissingerForCouncil.org>

**D.O.B.:** 1965

**EDUCATION:** Whitehall High School, 1983; BA accounting, Moravian College 1988; ROTC DMG -Lehigh University ROTC, 1988; Named to ODK (National Leadership Society) 1987.

**OCCUPATION:** Managing partner — Alliance Media Group (advertising agency).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Run several small businesses; strong work ethic; graduate Army infantry officer course and detachment commander with the XVIIIth Airborne Corps (detachment of 150 personnel under my command); Currently run a successful advertising agency with employees and contract vendors nationwide.

**RESPONSE:** Major issue: fiscal responsibility and planning that provides for the continued strength of our county and care of its people. How will I address it: I will ensure that we develop a realistic current and long-term budgeting plan, thus our hard earned tax dollars will provide for the long-term care of our citizens, such as continued improvement of the quality of care at Gracedale and provide a viable plan to maintain our roads and buildings, our farmland, and repair and improve the county prison

**MATHEW BENOL**

Palmer Township

[www.matbenol.com](http://www.matbenol.com)

**D.O.B.:** 1969

**EDUCATION:** Phillipsburg High School, 1987; BA Rutgers University, 1992.

**OCCUPATION:** Production/account manager.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Former chairman Lehigh Valley Tea Party, one year; St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Council, three years; taxpayer.

**RESPONSE:** The major issue facing this campaign is the imminent cuts to the federal and state budgets. Regardless of

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who is responsible, cuts will be made to the federal budget. These cuts will result in reduced federal funding to the states. Pennsylvania will cut the funding to the counties, including Northampton County. I will hold every department accountable for their budget requests through \$0 based budgeting. County departments need to prove their budget requests not rely on past spending habits.

## SETH VAUGHN

Bethlehem

www.votesethvaughn.com

**D.O.B.:** 1981

**EDUCATION:** B.S. economics, Penn State University, 2004; master's degree, DeSales University, 2010.

**OCCUPATION:** Physician assistant.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Private sector business experience in tax preparation for multi-national companies; military: Operation Iraqi Freedom worked with government contractors to assist local government with infrastructure improvement projects; physician assistant with clinical and medical insurance knowledge; member Lehigh Valley Planning Commission.

**RESPONSE:** Institution of long-term planning in a cost-effective manor. Electing people who share common family values and do the right thing when faced with difficulty decisions. The recent loss of 26 million on a Swapton bond, lack of a functioning generator at Gracedale during power outages, and several bridges structurally deficient is not acceptable. Our current reactive approach increases costs and jeopardizes safety. I will be a strong voice on council for responsible leadership.

Democrat

## DEB HUNTER

Bethlehem

http://www.votedebhunter.org

**D.O.B.:** 1958

**EDUCATION:** Graduate Salisbury High School; graduate Moravian College, BA history; secondary education teaching certificate, Moravian College.

**OCCUPATION:** Social studies teacher, Northampton High School.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Nazareth School Board director and past president, 10 years; Northampton County Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority, vice chairwoman 2009-11; Bethlehem Human Relations Commission, vice chairwoman since March 2012; graduate of Northampton County Citizens Advisory 2012.

**RESPONSE:** How do we responsibly fund our important institutions so that the county retains control and oversight as

demanding by the taxpayers? Also, how do we prioritize that funding for programs in human services, corrections, juvenile detention programs, and proper maintenance of county infrastructure? Educated decision making by the council and the executive plus smart promotion of the county as a haven for skilled workers will attract high-tech and industrial development strengthening our revenue base.

## RONALD R. HECKMAN

**D.O.B.:** 1949

**EDUCATION:** Northampton High School, 1967; East Stroudsburg University, 1971, B.A.; East Stroudsburg University, 1989, M.Ed.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired/volunteer; member – Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority; member – Steering Committee of Lehigh Valley Alliance for Aging.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Former Northampton County councilman, eight years; former Northampton County director of human services, eight years; served on numerous boards and authorities.

**RESPONSE:** The core responsibility of county government is services. Sources of county funding from the state and federal government are stagnant or being cut. The ability of the county to deal with inevitable increases in demand for county services with these limitations is the challenge. The county cannot simply transfer this tax burden to local property owners. I have the knowledge and experience to reform county systems and work smarter while protecting taxpayers from unreasonable burdens.

## GERALD E. SEYFRIED

Lower Nazareth Township

**D.O.B.:** 1942

**EDUCATION:** Graduate Liberty High

**OCCUPATION:** Retired.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Elected: Northampton County executive; 12 years County Council, president four years, vice president four years, director Court Services; chaired county's Finance, Personnel, Human Services and Intergovernmental Affairs committees; served on Lehigh/Northampton Joint Planning Commission, Soil Conservation District, Retirement Board; director Northampton County Development Corp.

**RESPONSE:** Major county issue is "loss of revenues and poor planning." More than 60 million dollars in fines, fees, cost, and restitution are owed the county. I will work to replace the "Criminal Division" under the court's control to improve collections of these funds. The county must implement the five-year financial and capital improvements plan so we will never again have a crisis situation like we just experienced with the Wolfe and Bechtel Building.

## CHRISTEN BORSO

Bethlehem

http://voteChristenBorso.com

**D.O.B.:** 1969

**EDUCATION:** Liberty High School, 1987; NCC, 1991.

**OCCUPATION:** Owner/president - The Shopping List LLC; owner Eye for Detail Remodeling and Construction Inc.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Breaking the Glass Ceiling YMCA Women Owned Business award winner 2012; member of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission; founder of Women Empowering Women, small business owner networking group.

**RESPONSE:** I believe it is necessary to focus on the counties infrastructure. We have many bridges in need of replacing or repair. This must be done in order to not compromise the response times in emergencies, etc. I would also like to see the county strengthen their relationship with the LVEDC. I would encourage repurposing the county's vacant buildings while protecting green space and human services in the county.

## TOM O'DONNELL

Lower Nazareth Township

**D.O.B.:** 1943

**EDUCATION:** Graduate NCACC, Temple University; attended Delaware Law School of Widener College.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** CYO coach for Ss. Simon and Jude, Bethlehem; assistant Scout leader, Troop 78, Nazareth; LNT supervisor, six years, served as treasurer, then chairman; 37 years of experience in state government auditing and fiscal matters.

**RESPONSE:** Attempted sale of Gracedale after 73 percent of voters in 2011 voted not to sell or lease it for five years! (26 percent higher than the infamous 47 percent); The issue is twofold: 1) Betrayal by those not seeking re-election!; 2) Addressing Gracedale fiscal problems in-house. My 15 years of experience auditing many county nursing homes for the Medicaid Program in PA. I never audited Gracedale, because of a potential conflict of interest! Certified fraud examiner for 12 years.

## BOROUGH

**Candidates were asked:** "What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?"

## BANGOR

### MAYOR

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

## ROBERT L. RHODES JR.

**D.O.B.:** 1961

**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Roxbury High School, 1979.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired diesel mechanic. **QUALIFICATIONS:** U.S. Navy ordinance-man three years; Liberty Fire president two years; chief engineer, one year; Bangor borough assistant emergency management coordinator, one year.

**RESPONSE:** The two major issues I see are: making the streets of Bangor safer and improving Bangor's viability as a great place for small businesses; I will focus on strengthening the borough's anti-drug efforts and cracking down on dangerous drivers that put our kids at risk. I will also work with organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce in making our borough attractive to people who want to open a business in Bangor.

Democrat

## JOSEPH CAPOZZOLO

No response

## COUNCIL

### WARD 1

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

## ROBERT J. RHODES JR.

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Democrat

## THOMAS WILLARD

No response

**Term:** 2 years

Vote for one

Republican

## KENNETH BREWER III

No response

Democrat

## THOMAS WILLARD

No response

### WARD 2

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

## CATHERINE ALLEN

Democrat

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No candidates

WARD 3

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

WARD 4

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

JAMES W. KRESGE

Democrat

No candidates

BATH

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

FIGURELLA REGINELLI-MIRABITO

Democrat

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than three

Republican

MICHAEL D. REPH

Democrat

MICHELLE EHRGOTT  
CAROL K. BEAR

CHAPMAN

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than three

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

Term: 2 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

EAST BANGOR

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican

SUSAN RUGGIERO

Democrat

STEVE TOTH

FREEMANSBURG

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican/Democrat

GERALD C. YOB

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than three

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

MARK B. LORRAH  
RUDOLPH GALLICH  
GEORGE J. WILSON III

GLENDON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than two

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

Term: 2 years

Vote for one

Republican

DONALD YOUNG

Democrat

No candidates

HELLERTOWN

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

RICHARD T. FLUCK

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican

LINDA L. LEEWRIGHT  
D.O.B.:1954  
EDUCATION: Graduated from Saucon Valley Senior High, 1972; associate's degree in liberal arts from Delaware County Community College, 1976; obtained additional coursework at Northampton Community College and DeSales University.  
OCCUPATION: Senior operations representative; I have worked for UGI Utilities in the operations and marketing department for 20 years.  
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a homeowner in the borough of Hellertown for 30 years. I also co-owned a small business, for which I kept the books and performed tax compliance, for 15 years. I have been attending and monitoring Borough Council meetings for the last two years.  
RESPONSE: Hellertown has increased the millage rate for the past four years and residents now bear the highest millage rate of all the boroughs in Northampton County. The council voted last year to increase the borough's debt obligations from \$500,000 to \$2 million. While I support maintaining existing facilities, I will not vote to further expand recreational facilities by incurring debt.

Republican/Democrat

THOMAS J. REIGER  
<https://www.facebook.com/riegerfor-council>  
D.O.B.:1987  
EDUCATION: Bachelor of science degree in business management, East Stroudsburg University, graduated August 2011; associate's degree in business administration, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, graduated May 2010.  
OCCUPATION: Accounts payable specialist, Lehigh Valley Health Network.

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**RESPONSE:** I feel elected officials have a duty to keep those who elected them informed. I've done that over the last four years and I will continue to improve upon that in the term to come. I think continued investments in the future of our community will also be important. Our largest expense is in personnel, the biggest challenge will be to control those costs through contract negotiations.

Democrat

**GAIL H. NOLF**  
**D.O.B.:** Not provided  
**EDUCATION:** B.S. in business management - Bloomsburg University; MBA - Lehigh University; teaching certificate - Gwynedd Mercy; multiple fire/emergency services certifications and classes.  
**OCCUPATION:** Secondary public school teacher of business subjects.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Past borough planning commissioner; two terms Borough Council member. I represent and advocate for transparent borough government and actively solicit and represent citizen input.  
**RESPONSE:** Representative government is the primary issue. We do not lose our rights to be heard, our rights to have input, simply because we elect others to represent our opinions. Financial responsibility and good stewardship of borough parks, buildings, roads and bridges, infrastructure and capital equipment are key. I will continue to be an open and transparent representative of families, working people, and those who have retired in our community after years of labor and service.

**MICHAEL McKENNA**  
**D.O.B.:** 1963  
**EDUCATION:** Delaware County Community College; Labrini College.  
**OCCUPATION:** General manager Batterytest Equipment Co.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Four years Hellertown Council; six years Hellertown Water Authority; two years trustee, Dewey Fire Company.  
**RESPONSE:** I plan to make revenue development and fiscal responsibility my primary focus in the next four years. During my first term, Borough Council initiated several capital projects designed to enhance and maintain livability, promote a thriving and diverse Main Street business corridor. Over my second term, I will seek alternative revenues outside the borough tax-base; explore cost-sharing programs within the region and fee based services. My stewardship efforts will ensure a vibrant future for Hellertown.

**JAMES W. HILL**  
**D.O.B.:** 1972  
**EDUCATION:** B.A. Lehigh University, 1994; J.D. Penn State – Dickinson School of Law, 2000.  
**OCCUPATION:** Self employed, attorney-at-Law.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** PA state constable – borough of Hellertown, three years; member of PA Bar Association, 14 years; Hellertown & Lower Saucon Historical Society (member three years); Hellertown Historical Society board member; Lion's Club member.  
**RESPONSE:** As a representative of the people of Hellertown I would keep taxes down by being fiscally responsible. Running a small business, working within a budget, managing employees and meeting payroll, has taught me the importance of fiscal responsibility, something greatly needed in government these days. When it comes to making good decisions, I would not rely on luck. It takes responsibility, knowledge, oversight, and a commitment to the people of Hellertown.

NAZARETH

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

**CARL STRYE JR.**  
**D.O.B.:** 1962  
**EDUCATION:** Graduate, Nazareth high school; attended Northampton Community College, communications/business.  
**OCCUPATION:** Regional sales manager, Washtech.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Appointed mayor, May 6, 2013, to fill term of Fred Daugerty (resigned).  
**RESPONSE:** Rebuilding our Police Department, goal – 24 hours, seven days a week police coverage; start to fill empty storefronts in the borough, work with local Chamber of Commerce.

Democrat

**JACK R. HERBST**  
No response

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

1ST WARD

Vote for one

Republican

CHRISTIAN AUDENRIED

No response

Democrat

**RICHARD H. TROXELL**  
No response

2ND WARD

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

JOHN N. SAMUS

3RD WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than two

Republican

**CARL STRYE JR.**  
See MAYOR

Democrat

**CHARLES A. DONELLO**  
**D.O.B.:** 1947  
**EDUCATION:** Nazareth Area High School graduate.  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired designer from Mack Trucks Inc.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Have held this position for six years.  
**RESPONSE:** I view the major issues in the borough at this time is our reorganization of our Police Department, dealing with installation of a new pool and continuing to try to build our business community.

**JACK R. HERBST**  
No response

NORTHAMPTON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

THOMAS D. REENOCK

COUNCIL

1ST WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

ROBERT COLEMAN

2ND WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican/Democrat

ANTHONY PRISTASH

3RD WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

ROBERT J. McHALE

Democrat

No candidates

4TH WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

ANTHONY LOPSONZSKI JR.

NORTH

CATASAUQUA

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

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BOROUGH

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No candidates

Democrat

WILLIAM J. MOLCHANY JR.

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican/Democrat

JOHN JOSEPH YANEK

No response

CHERIE D. GEBHARDT

No response

Republican

WILLIAM NOTHSTEIN

D.O.B.: 1953

EDUCATION: Palmerton Area High School, 1971; Kutztown University, 1975; Temple University, master's degree, 1981. OCCUPATION: Retired.

QUALIFICATIONS: Catasauqua Area Showcase Theatre Company, director 21 years; elementary program director, 35 years at Scheckler Elementary School; North Catasauqua Recreation Committee member and president.

RESPONSE: I will approach each issue with an open mind, seek out the facts and use fairness and good judgment to make decisions. It is important to govern following proper procedure, listen to the residents of the community and represent them the best way I can. Help maintain a community that its residents can be proud of.

PETER PAONE

No response

Democrat

SHAWN P. McGINLEY

D.O.B.: 1979

EDUCATION: Graduate of Catasauqua High School, 1998; associate's degree, Walnut Hill College

OCCUPATION: Sales manager for The Restaurant Store, Wyomissing

QUALIFICATIONS: Council member, North Catasauqua Borough Council, past 14 years; currently vice president of council; president of the Charotin Hose Company No. 1; assistant chief of the North Catasauqua Fire Department; helped and served on various events and organizations through the years.

RESPONSE: Diversity is the most important issue. We need to have different

thoughts on how to accomplish the same goal. The goal being what is best for the betterment of our municipality. Since I have been on council we were able to maintain and purchase new equipment and expand services to our residents all while keeping our tax base steady. We haven't raised taxes in years yet we continue to progress forward. This is only done by getting the most out of our tax revenue.///

WILLIAM J. McGINLEY

No response

PEN ARGYL

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

MIKE SABATINE

Democrat

No candidates

COUNCIL

1ST WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

MICHAEL G. NASATKA

Democrat

No candidates

2ND WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

RALPH BEHLER

Democrat

No candidates

3RD WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

4th WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

No candidates

PORTLAND

MAYOR

Term: four years

Vote for one

Republican

LANCE PRATOR

Democrat

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than three

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

STEVEN K. KNOTT  
ROBERT NEAD

ROSETO

MAYOR

Term: four years

Vote for one

Republican

JOHN A. MARTOCCI  
No response

Democrat

JOSEPH C. ANGELINI  
D.O.B.: 1948

EDUCATION: Pius X High School, 1966;

certificate, Industrial Management Institute, 1969.

OCCUPATION: Remodeling contractors  
QUALIFICATIONS: Borough auditor, six years; Columbia Fire Company, president, 31 years; borough Zoning Hearing Board, 8 years; Park Board, 12 years; Bangor Area School District Regional Economic Development Authority, one year.

RESPONSE: I have three issues I would like to address. I will always be available to meet with residents to discuss their concerns regarding borough codes and ordinances. I want to work with our police to enforce the curfew to keep our children safe and off the streets during late night and early morning hours and to enforce our traffic laws. I want to work with the Economic Development Authority and local Realtors to fill our empty buildings with good commercial and/or residential tenants.

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican

PHILLIP M. CAIAZZO

Democrat

NICHOLAS MARTINO JR.  
JENNIFER NEWLAND  
MICHAEL J. ROMANO JR.

STOCKERTOWN

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

ERIC WENZELBERGER  
D.O.B.: 1957

EDUCATION: Easton High School, 1975; Northampton Community College, A.S./engineering, 1978; Lafayette College, B.S. electrical engineering, 1982; real estate sales; air conditioning license; solar panels A-license.

OCCUPATION: None given.

QUALIFICATIONS: Prior: Stockertown Planning Commission; Zoning Hearing Board chairman; Emergency Management, NIMS 100/700; Dale Carnegie Graduate/awards; Stockertown Youth Association Board; Honest concern for Stockertown residents.

RESPONSE: One of the mayor's important functions is to assist in managing the Police Department. I would work with

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police officers and council to trim fixed costs while increasing patrol hours at times when they are needed as dictated by resident requests and the safety of our children. Work with residents to bring their needs to Borough Council; represent the borough to the best of my ability using my current skill set.

Democrat

CHARLES DAVIS  
No response

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than three

Republican

KATHLEEN M. ZOONOWSKI  
No response

PAUL J. ZABOY  
No response

**ERIC WENZELBERGER**  
**D.O.B.:** 1957  
**EDUCATION:** Easton High School, 1975; Northampton Community College, A.S./engineering, 1978; Lafayette College, B.S. electrical engineering, 1982; real estate sales; air conditioning license; solar panels A-license.  
**OCCUPATION:** none given.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prior: Stockertown Planning Commission; Zoning Hearing Board chairman; Emergency Management, NIMS 100/700; Dale Carnegie Graduate/awards; Stockertown Youth Association Board; Honest concern for Stockertown residents.  
**RESPONSE:** Work to abolish the current council president/vice president dictatorship as voted in by the current administration; all councilors should be equally informed and involved in the governing of Stockertown; all paperwork should be provided to all counselors. Avoid needless pet projects, instead listen to the wants and needs of the borough residents, such as infrastructure repair and proper crosswalks to ensure the safety of our children; downsize government spending on its own existence.

Democrat

ROBIN DAVIS  
No response

**CARL ZITO**  
**D.O.B.:** 1945  
**EDUCATION:** Graduated Pius-X High

School, 1962; two years business college  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired disability  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Planning Committee four years; present council member four years.  
**RESPONSE:** My major issue is spending money without good cause. Want to keep Police Department and road crew on an even keel; will fight to keep taxes where they are; work with people of the community if a problem arises.

**ROSEMARIE WENZELBERGER**  
**D.O.B.:** 1953  
**EDUCATION:** Nazareth High School; Empire Beauty School; emergency training, NIMS 100 & 700; personal interest courses, Northampton Community College.  
**OCCUPATION:** Owner/operator beauty salon, Stockertown; Avon; council.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Councilor; treasurer Stockertown Youth Association; board member Nazareth ambulance, COG (Communities of Government); citizen award recommended by Mayor Metzger; council committees: recreation, fire, police, centennial; borough native./// **RESPONSE:** One major issue is the small attendance at council meetings. Although the concerns of overspending and the priorities in which projects are being done are on the people's minds, they do not attend because a lack of trust in what will be said to them, doubts in council members' abilities and fear of retaliation. I will continue to encourage people to come and voice their opinions./// Another issue is the rails to trails. This project is getting more expensive since the beginning of 2013.///

Term: 2 years

Vote for one

Republican

KATHLEEN M. ZOONOWSKI  
No response

Democrat

ROBIN DAVIS  
No response

TATAMY

MAYOR

Term: four years

Vote for one

Republican

**ANTHONY JASKOWIEC**  
**D.O.B.:** 1946  
**EDUCATION:** Lakeland Joint School District (Jermyn, PA), 1964; B.S education,

East Stroudsburg University, 1968.  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Tatamy Planning Commission 17 years; Crayola Credit Union LLC Loan Committee three years; experience working with people as a math teacher, football coach, general foreman, production planner, disaster recovery coordinator, business recovery coordinator, programmer analyst, business analyst, systems analyst, project planner and project manager.  
**RESPONSE:** The future of Tatamy requires providing the community with a growth plan that maintains Tatamy's small-town character and allows growth that provides the best use of our limited available land. My experience and leadership skills as Tatamy Planning Commission chairman and corporate manager provide me with the good background to guide Tatamy through this growth.

Democrat

**RONALD FOX**  
**D.O.B.:** 1943  
**EDUCATION:** Delaware Valley HS; Community College Air Force; Berean School of Bible.  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired.  
**QUALIFICATION:** Master sergeant Army-Air Force 20 years; Vietnam, 1965-66; commendations of outstanding leadership include but are not limited to, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.  
**RESPONSE:** In any community there are numerous functions related to the ongoing quality of life for its residents. I will not presume to have all the answers and solutions to the daily functioning of Tatamy. I will, however, to the very height of my ability, work, in harmony with the town council and committees to ensure that Tatamy continues to move forward. You the residents are my first concern. Your needs and desires are foremost on my agenda.

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than three

Republican

JOHN NADOLSKI JR.  
ROBERT J. HAYES

Democrat

MICHAEL RACZ

WALNUTPORT

MAYOR

Term: four years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

WAYNE WEIDNER

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican

JOAN REHRIG  
No response

HAROLD C. GREENE  
No response

**PATRICE D. HUNSICKER**  
**D.O.B.:** 1972  
**EDUCATION:** Graduate, Northern Lehigh H.S., 1990, diploma.  
**OCCUPATION:** None.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Currently active in community with volunteering for school activities and sports for over 20 years.  
**RESPONSE:** For years there have been problems with unfair treatment of residents. I want to call for equality of treatment regarding violation. Also, budgeting needs to be addressed. Criminal activity must be addressed on better ways to control. There are several issues.

**WILLIAM J. TURK**  
**D.O.B.:** 1932  
**EDUCATION:** Not given.  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired.  
**QUALIFICATIONS & RESPONSE:** Served 22 years on council; 18 years as president. My goal was to improve Walnutport from what it was then to now. Bought old school to combine police, Water Dept. and council room; also day care center; added Christmas lights on Main Street. We received over 2 million grant monies (thanks to M. Wertz and J. Newhard); Need four more years on council to complete playground and a few more streetlights.

Democrat

DAVID STANKOVIC  
No response

Term: 2 years

Vote for one

Republican

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PATRICE D. HUNSICKER  
See 4-year term

Democrat

LAURA J. STAUFFER  
D.O.B.: 1981  
EDUCATION: Graduated Northampton High School, 1999; computer science background; massage therapy training  
OCCUPATION: Licensed massage therapist and business owner.  
QUALIFICATIONS: Enthusiastic borough resident who likes to ask questions and research topics; professional development education; project management experience.  
RESPONSE: I feel that some of our major issues in our borough are roads, police force development and recreation. I would like to work on these issues through good strategic budgeting while keeping our tax base in mind so that those projects can be a win-win for both the residents and the borough and that both can thrive.

WEST EASTON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

GERALD W. GROSS

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican

TRICIA MEZZACAPPA  
http://Triciamezzacappa.info  
D.O.B.: 1970  
EDUCATION: Bachelor of science, accounting, 1992, Fordham University; master of arts, educational administration, 1999, Rider University, summa cum laude; Northampton Community, AD applied science, 2003.  
OCCUPATION: Registered nurse.  
QUALIFICATIONS: Northampton County Republican Committee, vice chairwoman, Area 8; former municipal auditor; former school business administrator.

RESPONSE: How to return West Easton borough to an affordable community that places customer service as a top priority? Vote Mezzacappa. Door to door campaigning with robo-calls and mailers.

Democrat

TIMOTHY L. JONES  
No response

THOMAS NODOLINE  
No response

LOUIS NIKO  
No response

DANIEL DePAUL  
No response

WILSON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

DAVID S. PERRUSO

COUNCIL

1ST WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

LOUIS STARNIRI

Democrat

No candidates

2ND WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than two

Republican

LEONARD FEINBERG

Democrat

RYAN WOODRING

3RD WARD

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

DAVID L. JONES  
No response

Independent

JOHN C. LIPPINCOTT  
D.O.B.: 1945  
EDUCATION: Graduate, Easton Area High School.  
OCCUPATION: Retired, Wilson borough firefighter.  
QUALIFICATIONS: Not given.  
RESPONSE: The major issue is having better communication between council and residents regarding everyday issues within the borough. The only way this can be accomplished is by residents attending council meetings and having their issues and concerns addressed. As a 40+ year resident and former firefighter in the borough, I see the need for borough pride to be restored in our neighborhoods.

WIND GAP

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

JAMES M. SHOEMAKER

Democrat

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican/Democrat

DAVID. E. VALLEY  
D.O.B.: 1941  
EDUCATION: St. Catherine's High School, DuBois, PA, 1959; Penn State University DuBois campus, 1968.  
OCCUPATION: Retired.  
QUALIFICATIONS: Lived in Wind Gap 30+ years. Vice president of the Park Board second term; awarded a volunteer of the year for Northampton County, 2012.  
RESPONSE: I feel the major issue is lack of communication between Borough Council and it residents. In my contacts as park board vice president and the volunteer work I do, I hear and understand

residents' concerns. I communicate well and my goal is to be a liaison to council for the constituents, and to work on solving their concerns.

Republican

DAVID HESS  
D.O.B.: 1972  
EDUCATION: Graduated from Nazareth Area High School in 1991.  
OCCUPATION: Sales delivery at Nazareth Produce.  
QUALIFICATIONS: Wind Gap Borough Council, six years; Have been involved with fire/EMS for 27 years.  
RESPONSE: Regionalize! I have spent the last three years trying to get a regional police department in the Slate Belt. I hope to not stop there. I would like to see regional zoning and public works next.

Democrat

ANTHONY N. CURCIO  
No response

JOHN F. MAHER  
No response

JONATHAN FAUST  
No response

TOWNSHIPS

Candidates were asked: "What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?"

ALLEN

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Vote for not more than two

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

DALE N. HASSLER  
LARRY OBERLY

BETHLEHEM

COMMISSIONER

Term: 4 years

2ND WARD

Vote for one

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### Republican

#### MICKEY K. THOMPSON

**D.O.B.:** 1973

**EDUCATION:** North East High School, 1991; B.A. Moravian College, cum laude, 1995 (political science and history); J.D. Syracuse University College of Law, 1999.

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney and COO.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Solicitor, ZMB of Bethlehem, 14 years; solicitor, Freemansburg Authority, two years; NYAA councilman, four years; BSA Troop 318, assistant scoutmaster, one year.

**RESPONSE:** Trust: The taxpayers of Bethlehem Township lost \$832,000 when commissioners contracted with a sham company. They overrode the protections afforded in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance by permitting 1,000s of new dwelling units while trying to reduce the effectiveness of our police and fire departments and ambulance service. As an attorney and public servant, I will use my knowledge and experience to prevent these issues from occurring.

### Democrat

#### MICHAL HUDAK

(Facebook) Bethlehem Township Commissioner Michael D Hudak

**D.O.B.:** 1958

**EDUCATION:** Freedom High School 1976.

**OCCUPATION:** Commercial / industrial HVAC and custom sheet metal fabricator.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** 2nd Ward township commissioner, eight years; project manager responsible for developing and overseeing the implementation of multimillion dollar budgets and projects; 35-plus years in the commercial/industrial construction industry; township resident for 52 years.

**RESPONSE:** I wouldn't categorize it as a major issue but new development and traffic on our main arteries are certainly on the top of my list. I've been a resident of the 2nd Ward for 52 years. I've witnessed this growth firsthand and understand my constituents' concerns. We must never forget what makes this township such a desirable place to live and raise our families and must not let unchecked development spoil our township.

### 4TH WARD

Vote for one

### Republican

#### PAT BRESLIN

**D.O.B.:** 1966

**EDUCATION:** Saucon Valley High School (Hellertown); Allegheny College, 1988.

**OCCUPATION:** Speaker/author.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Have detailed background in business, management and leadership roles over the last 25 years in the sportsman and leadership-training industries.

**RESPONSE:** I'm running to bring better lines of communication to the residents of the township and also to provide better fiscal accountability to the township.

### Democrat

#### RAYMOND RUSSIN

No response

### BUSHKILL

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

Vote for not more than two

### Republican/Democrat

#### HOWARD E. KOSTENBADOR JASON SMITH

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

### Republican/Democrat

#### CAROLYN HILL

### EAST ALLEN

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

Vote for not more than two

### Republican/Democrat

#### PEGGY M. MOSER MARK H. SWARTZ

### FORKS

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

Vote for not more than two

### Republican

#### ERIC J. CHUSS

**D.O.B.:** 1961

**EDUCATION:** MBA Wilkes University, 1990; BS business administration, Bloomsburg University, 1983; Whitehall High School, 1979.

**OCCUPATION:** North American toll free number administrator.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Board of Supervisors, five years – chairman, three years; Planning Commission, eight years; Forks community involvement, 20 years; executive management experience, 15 years.

**RESPONSE:** The current and future financial position of the township is the most serious challenge facing Forks Township. The ever increasing cost of providing services in addition to past decisions regarding the new Public Works garage and other questionable choices which I did not support, will have an adverse impact on us as taxpayers. If re-elected, I will continue being financially responsible in order to provide township services in the most cost-effective manner possible.

### Republican/Democrat

#### ROBERT H. EGOLF

**D.O.B.:** 1939

**EDUCATION:** BA, Muhlenberg College; master's degree and doctorate, Lehigh University.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired educator, Allentown School District and Lehigh University.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Forks Township supervisor, six years; Zoning Hearing Board, three years; completed seminars for municipal leaders: PennDOT and Regional Trails workshops, zoning update course.

**RESPONSE:** Strengthening our township's infrastructure is a major issue. Many streets are old, needing repair. Sewer and water lines must be maintained to the highest standards. I was instrumental in asking our management staff to prepare a financial forecast. At times when finances are precarious for everyone, we must know what expenses lay ahead for Forks. I did not vote for the design and cost of Forks Public Works facility. I see it as extravagant spending.

#### BONNIE NICHOLAS

**D.O.B.:** 1955

**EDUCATION:** Easton Area High School 1973; NCC, 1975; attended Lafayette for engineering classes.

**OCCUPATION:** Senior mechanical designer at SMI.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Forks Township Zoning Hearing Board, eight years; Forks Township supervisor, six years; president of Forks Township Concerned Citizens, five years.

**RESPONSE:** More fiscally responsible: Encourage more environmentally friendly business to improve our tax base; ask for support from township businesses; budget to maintain our infrastructure; take advantage of every grant we can; collective purchasing; cut waste. Encourage communication and involvement of the residents: Broadcast supervisor meetings; give residents more than five minutes to speak and respond to them; there are many talented residents who may like to help. I set up a Facebook page to receive

suggestions and ideas. [www.facebook.com/Bonnie4Supervisor](http://www.facebook.com/Bonnie4Supervisor)

**Term:** 2 years

Vote for one

### Republican

#### EDWARD M. MOORE

**D.O.B.:** 1959

**EDUCATION:** BA, public administration-Stonehill College, North Easton, MA.

**OCCUPATION:** Senior sales representative - pharmaceutical company.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Forks Township Recreation Board, 14 years; committee member: Forks Township 5 Year Recreation Plan; Community Center Design and Expansion Plan; hiring team for Forks Township Recreation director; Forks Township Athletic Association member; Youth Sports coach- soccer, basketball.

**RESPONSE:** What a wonderful township we live in! The goal of the campaign will be to maintain our positive attributes within the current cost structure. Throughout my over 19 years in Forks I continually hear in my interactions with my friends, neighbors and strangers, what wonderful facilities we have, what great services we provide, and how beautiful our overall township is. Our challenge will be to continue this balance as costs rise.

### Democrat

#### BLANDINE MBALLA-FANKEU

[www.VoteForBlandine.com](http://www.VoteForBlandine.com)

**D.O.B.:** 1967

**EDUCATION:** M.S. Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany, 1998.

**OCCUPATION:** Independent business consultant.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Forks Township resident, 12 years; Forks neighborhood organizer with OFA\_PA, four years; statistical business consultant, seven years.

**RESPONSE:** Fiscal responsibility and transparency: Fiscal prudence and transparency are vital in order to restore trust, improve services, cut wasteful spending, and balance the budget. A smart use of today's technology tools could be a cost-effective way to achieve those goals. My experience as business intelligence data analyst will prove resourceful in that matter. Forks Township needs to promote open government and encourage residents to participate with comments and vote on issues of importance to the community.

### HANOVER

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

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Vote for not more than two

Republican

JOHN N. DIACOGIANNIS  
STEVEN R. SALVESEN

Democrat

No candidates

LEHIGH

## SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Vote for one

Republican

DARRYL A. SNOVER

Democrat

No candidates

LOWER MT. BETHYL

## SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Vote for not more than two

Republican

DAVID M. ASCANI

Democrat

No candidates

LOWER NAZARETH

## SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Vote for one

Republican

ROBERT S. KUCSAN

Democrat

No candidates

LOWER SAUCON

## COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Vote for not more than two

Republican/Democrat

GLENN KERN

D.O.B.: 1956

EDUCATION: B.S., communications, University of Florida, 1978.

OCCUPATION: 26 years as president, Integrity AV Designs Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS: LST Planning Commission (2000-04); initiated LST Natural Resources Inventory; helped create LST Environmental Core Committee and the EAC; LST Council. Member 2002-present; council president; initiated LST/Hellertown Multi-Municipal Plan; liaison to Parks & Recreation; LST-Hellertown Joint Recreation Committee; Fire Services Committee.///

RESPONSE: I've been advocating preparing for the eventual landfill closure as it will be challenging for us all when \$2 million in landfill revenue evaporates. My plan is to continue meeting regularly with community business leaders, developers and planners to create new business opportunities; continue our cooperation with the city of Bethlehem LERTA Program to develop brownfield areas; and to offer business tax incentives. I'm also formulating Township Economic Advisory Council to expand commercial business possibilities.

Republican

RONALD W. HORISZNY

D.O.B.: 1940

EDUCATION: Lansing (Mich.) Sexton H S., 1958, Michigan State University B.S., 1962; Michigan State University, M.S., 1964.

OCCUPATION: retired.

QUALIFICATIONS: Township Council member eight-plus years.

RESPONSE: Continuing the quality of life in Lower Saucon Township is the main issue; and it must be done while maintaining our open-space priorities and resolving the current library-services issue. My intention is to listen to citizen input to ascertain the desires of the community and vote accordingly. Also, we need to promote development in the many closed retail sites in the township to offset the future loss of landfill revenues.

DONNA M. LOUDER

D.O.B.: 1959

EDUCATION: Saucon Valley High School, 1977; Northampton Community College A.A.S.; Scott White Real Estate School, Realtor.

OCCUPATION: Mammographer.

QUALIFICATIONS: My leadership positions have afforded me the opportunity to have a comprehension of budgets and mandated licensures. In real estate I've

gained insight into the importance of ordinances and zoning laws. Lower Saucon Township Landfill Committee, two years; I believe in common-sense leadership, integrity and honesty.

RESPONSE: Economic development - using the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development guidelines to create an economic development commission to seek out and possibly create incentives to bring new businesses into our township within the commercial/industrial zoned areas of the township.

MOORE

## SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Vote for one

Republican

DAN PIORKOWSKI

D.O.B.: 1952

EDUCATION: ///

OCCUPATION: Production supervisor, Sharp Corp., a United Drug Co.

QUALIFICATIONS: Results-oriented management professional, 40 years' experience in the private sector, diverse background in working, supervising people, labor relations, budgets, facilities, equipment. Proven ability to get results, decrease cost through process improvements; Chairman Moore Recreation Committee eight years; Planning Commission three years.

RESPONSE: I believe that all issues that concern Moore Township are critical, but based on the voices of the people who I have spoken with the list would start with local taxes\budgets, roads, farmland and open space preservation, police and fire protection and alternative-energy projects. I will address these issues through common sense, life and work experience, using a high ethical standard and thinking outside the box, and listening to your input.

Democrat

LOIS KERBACHER

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: Northampton High School, 1970.

OCCUPATION: Retired - 35 years of service from Allentown State Hospital as a purchasing agent and supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS: Worked at Moore Township for over seven years as secretary for Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, the Board of Supervisors, and the zoning officer; A resident of Moore Township for over 42 years and own a 53-acre farm.

RESPONSE: Preserving our township's

natural resources which include farmland and open space for future generations. As an owner of a 53-acre farm for over 40 years and as a grandmother, I know firsthand the importance of preserving our rural heritage and way of life. Also, I will continue to work with the other supervisors to maintain our extremely low tax rate and maintain our budget. Experience and qualifications matter for a supervisor.

PALMER

## SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Vote for not more than two

Republican/Democrat

JEFFREY YOUNG

D.O.B.: 1958

EDUCATION: 1976 Easton Area High School; 1978 Northampton Community College, associate's degree in business administration; 1980, Bloomsburg State, B.S. in accounting.

OCCUPATION: Accountant.

QUALIFICATIONS: 12 years Palmer Township supervisor (1988-1999); nine years Palmer Township Planning Commission; 10 years Palmer Township Recreation Board.

RESPONSE: The major issue in this campaign is controlling growth to protect the quality of life for Palmer Township residents and at the same time allow development through a planning process that meets the needs of all parties. Palmer Township has been successful with careful planning and that course should continue.

Republican

FRANKLIN LAMBERT

D.O.B.: 1948

EDUCATION: Easton Area School District, Class of 1966; continuing education courses throughout my career in school transportation.

OCCUPATION: Retired director of transportation, Nesquehoning School District. QUALIFICATIONS: Member of (PASBO) Pa. Association of School Business Officials.

RESPONSE: Work to make the township a better place to work, live and play; to work to hold the taxes and control the spending in the township; would like to see our township fire department grow in membership and improve the equipment for this and all departments in the township; also work on the development of the north end of the township.

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Democrat

**K. MICHAEL MITCHELL**

**D.O.B.:** 1944

**EDUCATION:** Easton Area High School graduate.

**OCCUPATION:** Owner of Suburban Cleaners and Formalwear in Palmer Township.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Palmer Township supervisor for 14 years; past president Palmer Lions Club, member 25 years; business owner in Palmer Township for over 35 years.

**RESPONSE:** Keeping Palmer a great and safe place to live; working to keep the budget balanced and keep taxes down; continuing to promote business growth to help create jobs; working toward the best land development use at the north end of the township. (33 Interchange).

## PLAINFIELD

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

Vote for one

Republican/Democrat

**RANDY L. HEARD**

## UPPER MT. BETHEL

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

Vote for one

Republican

**DENNIS L. JONES**

No response

Democrat

**DAVID DUE**

**D.O.B.:** 1957

**EDUCATION:** 1976 Bangor High graduate; trade school graduate 1976.

**OCCUPATION:** President, David Due Construction Inc.; project manager, Country Springsfarm Aquaculture.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In business for 29 years; have a seat on township economic development committee.

**RESPONSE:** Goals: 1) to have unity among the supervisors; 2) look at budget costs on regional type police department; 3) work on getting green industry to com-

plement our surroundings. We need jobs and a tax base to help all with taxes!

## UPPER NAZARETH

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

Vote for not more than two

Republican

**MIKE RINKER**

No response

Republican/Democrat

**STEVE YTKIN**

**D.O.B.:** 1963

**EDUCATION:** Graduated Easton Area High School 1982; course work in safety management at DeSales University.

**OCCUPATION:** Account representative with Exclusive Transportation for Industry, employed for 29 years.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Planning and zoning board, three years on each; township resident for 14 years.

**RESPONSE:** To insure responsible government with accountability to property taxpayers; also to ensure the safety of our residents. Taxes: In 2011 the supervisors raised our taxes while sitting on a substantial budget surplus. The taxes need to be decreased. Budget: Reduce expenses and omit unnecessary spending to save taxpayers dollars.

Democrat

**JAMES AUGUSTINE**

**D.O.B.:** 1976

**EDUCATION:** Central York H.S., 1994; B.A., economics, Lycoming College 1998; J.D., Widener University, 2006.

**OCCUPATION:** Assistant district attorney, Northampton County.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Township supervisor one year; Zoning Heard Board one year; Mallinckrodt Baker Chemical four years; private law practice, two years; assistant district attorney, four and a half years; educational background and demonstrated leadership.

**RESPONSE:** There are several issues affecting our expanding community. First, I will help to implement a state-mandated township-wide recycling program. Second, I will work with the appropriate state and local agencies and elected officials to solve the traffic problems at the intersection of Route 191 and Friedenstahl Avenue. Third, I will work toward a fiscally responsible budget that protects taxpayers while ensuring the continuation of the township services we all enjoy.

## WASHINGTON

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

Vote for one

Republican/Democrat

**ROBERT D. SMITH**

## WILLIAMS

### SUPERVISOR

**Term:** 6 years

Vote for one

Republican/Democrat

**RAYMOND ALBERT**

## CITIES

**Candidates were asked:** "What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?"

## BETHLEHEM

### MAYOR

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

**ROBERT J. DONCHEZ**

## COUNCIL AT LARGE

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican

**CHRIS MORALES**

No response

Democrat

**ERIC EVANS**

<http://ericcevansforcouncil.com>

**D.O.B.:** 1969

**EDUCATION:** Liberty High School 1987; University of Pittsburgh, 1991 B.S. finance;

University of Scranton 1997, MBA.

**OCCUPATION:** Teacher eighth-grade American history; Bethlehem Area School District.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Current president of City Council; past chairman of Parks & Public Property Committee; past member of Finance and Public Safety committees; 10-year president of City Line Little League.

**RESPONSE:** The budget will continue to be the most important issue for the city. It's the job of the administration and City Council to deliver basic city services in an effective, cost-efficient manner, and we need to accomplish this through a balanced approach of economic development and expense control. With my educational background and professional experience in banking, I am equipped to understand, analyze, and offer recommendations that result in a balanced budget.

**KAREN DOLAN**

**D.O.B.:** 1960

**EDUCATION:** BA Rutgers; teaching certification, Moravian.

**OCCUPATION:** Executive director Fox Environmental Center.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** City councilwoman, eight years; YWCA "Woman of the Year," a PSEA School-Community Relations award; the "Community Service Award" PA Diversity Network "Igniting Creative Energy" award National Energy Foundation; a "Mover and Shaker" in LV Magazine.

**RESPONSE:** The major issue is balancing change so it benefits citizens. This election brings at least two new members and a third appointed member to City Council: a significant change in Bethlehem government. If elected, I'll be council's senior member and an advocate for filling the open seat wisely. I'll partner to build open communication between administration, council and the public, so Bethlehem builds upon the best of its history, while preparing for a prosperous, sustainable future.

**BRYAN CALLAHAN**

[CallahanforBethlehem.com](mailto:CallahanforBethlehem.com)

**D.O.B.:** 1962

**EDUCATION:** 1980, Liberty High School; B.A. journalism/public relations, Lock Haven University, 1985; master of science degree, Wilkes University, 1999.

**OCCUPATION:** Department chairman Freedom High School, Bethlehem Area School District; co-owner Fancy Sports Fotos; owner-Bryan Callahan's Driving School.

**RESPONSE:** As a small business owner, I understand that we need to maintain a balanced budget and continue to live within our means. By holding the line on taxes, we can ensure that Bethlehem

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remains an affordable city for families and an attractive environment for business. We need to continue responsible and sustainable development. By focusing on the revitalization of the former Steel site and identifying creative opportunities, we can bring family sustaining jobs to Bethlehem.

## ADAM WALDRON

On Facebook: Adam Waldron for Bethlehem City Council

**D.O.B.:** 1984

**EDUCATION:** Liberty High School, 2002; West Chester University B.S. business management.

**OCCUPATION:** Owner — Adam Waldron Painting — residential painting contractor. I started painting homes in 2003 while a full-time student to fund my education. Upon graduation I moved back to the LV and continued painting. I pride myself on providing a high-quality job and delivering customer satisfaction.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** No response.

**RESPONSE:** City Council needs to be represented by a diverse cross-section of informed passionate individuals. My small business background and positive approach to government would be an asset on council. I will take a progressive approach when dealing with all residents and issues during the campaign, and if elected to serve. Bethlehem residents deserve a responsive government, which will effectively administer and spend tax dollars, while listening to the opinions of its citizens.

## EASTON

## COUNCIL

### DISTRICT 1

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

## ROGER RUGGLES

### DISTRICT 2

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

## KIM YEDLOSKY

**D.O.B.:** 1973

**EDUCATION:** Associate's degree in criminal justice from Northampton Community College.

**OCCUPATION:** Corrections officer at Northampton County Prison.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A member of the 9/12/ Tea Party of the Lehigh Valley; vice chairwoman of the city of Easton Republican Committee; member of the Northampton County Republican Committee and member of Northampton County Republican Women's Council.

**RESPONSE:** The West Ward is seeing too many single family homes bought and converted to apartments. We need to make home ownership attractive again. I would accomplish this by working with all levels of government to lower residence and school taxes, create incentives such as more parking, greater police presence to foster a sense of security and simple beautification projects. The West Ward needs to establish roots to provide a sense of community.

Democrat

## JIM EDINGER

**D.O.B.:** 1958

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Easton High 1976.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired from Carpenter's Local 600 (32-year member).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Chairman of the Easton Zoning Hearing Board from 1994-13; president of local No. 600 since 2011; served on many other boards and commissions.

**RESPONSE:** The biggest problem facing Easton, and all communities for that matter, is the loss of funding from the state and federal governments. As less of our tax dollars return to us, we need to find constructive ways to maintain services at an acceptable level. We have an opportunity to increase the tax base by putting more people in the unused or underused existing properties downtown. We are starting to see an interest in these long-standing blighted buildings by developers who see potential in making Easton an urban destination, attracting new tenants.///

### DISTRICT 3

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

## SANDRA ALERCIA VULCANO

## SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**Candidates were asked:** What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

### BANGOR AREA AT-LARGE

Boroughs of Bangor, Roseto, Portland; Townships of Upper Mt. Bethel, Lower Mt. Bethel and Washington

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than four

Republican/Democrat

## KENNETH L. BREWER JR.

**D.O.B.:** 1949

**EDUCATION:** Graduate Bangor High School, 1967.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired, 27 years with Victaulic Corp. of America.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Lower Mt. Bethel Twp. Board of Supervisors, six years; Economic Development Committee, 10 years; Blue Mt. Youth Football, 30 years (now Slaters Youth Football).

**RESPONSE:** Addressing the crisis in funding employees' pensions and medical expenses is foremost; additionally, keeping a hard line on taxes while assuring that our students obtain a quality education with the optimal materials, teachers and administrators possible.

## KEVIN PRUETT

**D.O.B.:** 1954

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree, business administration, Florida Atlantic University, 1979.

**OCCUPATION:** Aircraft mechanic, manager.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bangor School Director since 2000.

**RESPONSE:** chooses not to respond

## CRAIG. J. BERGER

**D.O.B.:** 1966

**EDUCATION:** Graduate, Bangor Area H.S., 1984; Bloomsburg University, 1988.

**OCCUPATION:** Owner: PVT Truck & Trailer Repair; PVT Lubricants & Supplies; Male Road Industrial Properties.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** President, Upper Mt. Bethel Youth Basketball; president, Bangor Slaters Youth Football.

**RESPONSE:** As a product of Bangor Area H.S. as well as having two children in the district I am committed to: 1) Ensuring that all children in the district receive a quality education backed by a caring support system while empowering our students to become leaders; 2) Be sure students are challenged in the classroom; 3) Use district resources efficiently to create optimum results.

Democrat

## BOB CARTWRIGHT

No response

Democrat

## KIMBERLY GAMBALE

No response

### BETHLEHEM AREA AT-LARGE

City of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Hanover Township and the boroughs of Freemansburg and Fountain Hill

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than three

Republican/Democrat

## SHANNON PATRICK

**MICHAEL E. FACCINETTO**

**ANGELA T. SINKLER**

### REGION 1

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

## ROGELIO ORTIZ

### REGION 2

**Term:** 2 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

## SHANNON PATRICK

### EASTON AREA

City of Easton, borough of Riegelsville, townships of Forks, Palmer, Lower Mt. Bethel

### REGION I

Palmer Township, 8th West Ward in the city of Easton

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

Republican

No candidates

Democrat

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### BARON VANDERBURG

#### REGION II

Riegelsville, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Wards of the city of Easton  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than two

**Republican/Democrat**

**MICHELLE PRICE**  
**ROBERT OBEY**

#### REGION III

Lower Mt. Bethel Township; Independent District, Forks Township, 3rd, 6th, 7th and 8th Ward Eastern District in the city of Easton  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than two

**Republican/Democrat**

**MATT MONAHAN**  
**DOMINICK BUSCEMI**

#### NAZARETH AREA

Boroughs of Nazareth, Stockertown, Tatamy; townships of Upper Nazareth, Lower Nazareth, Bushkill

#### REGION I

Bushkill Township, Palmer Township and Tatamy borough  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

**Republican/Democrat**

**LORIN B. BRADLEY**

**Term:** 2 years

Vote for one

**Republican**

**JOSEPH T. VASKO**  
**D.O.B.:** 1948  
**EDUCATION:** Washington High School, 1966; B.S.M.E. Newark College of Engineering, 1971.  
**OCCUPATION:** Unemployed.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Forty years of business experience designing and managing various projects for a variety of industrial applications; former Bushkill Township Emergency Management coordinator.  
**RESPONSE:** Maintaining high academic

standards while keeping tax increases at a minimum; it is important that the school district stay current on new appropriate technology and work to implement the most functional and cost-effective technology upgrades to meet the school district's educational goals and objectives.

**Democrat**

**JACOB B. ALLEN**  
**D.O.B.:** 1982  
**EDUCATION:** 2011 Nazareth High School graduate; Northampton Community College student.  
**OCCUPATION:** Administrative assistant for Digital Technical Services Inc.; student at Northampton Community College.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Nazareth School Board member June 2011-November 2011; June 2013-present; chairman Forks UCC Stewardship and Finance Committee; attended Nazareth Area School Board meetings for since 2008.  
**RESPONSE:** The major issue in the election is the ongoing financial concerns. With the upcoming contract negotiations for the NASD staff, we must look at all aspects of the contracts to ensure that we negotiate fair contracts for the staff but that the education of the students is not affected. The goal is to balance quality education with fiscal responsibility. I believe my current experience on the board will help to fulfill that goal.

#### REGION 2

Lower Nazareth Township and Upper Nazareth Eastern District  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than two

**Republican/Democrat**

**LINDA M. MCDONALD**  
**DARRELL W. CROOK**

**Term:** 2 years

Vote for one

**Republican/Democrat**

**ROBERT A. PINEL**

#### REGION 3

Nazareth borough, Stockertown borough, Upper Nazareth Western Division  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than two

**Republican/Democrat**

**DOMINIC VILLANI**  
**LINDA GERENSER STUBITS**

## NORTHAMPTON AREA

### REGION I

Allen and Lehigh townships  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

**Republican/Democrat**

**ROY MARANKI**

### REGION II

Borough of Northampton and East Allen Township  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than two

**Republican/Democrat**

**CHARLES F. FRANTZ JR.**  
**JUDY ODENWELDER**

### REGION III

Boroughs of Chapman and Bath and Moore Township  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

**Republican/Democrat**

**CHARLES J. LONGACRE**

## PEN ARGYL AREA

Boroughs of Pen Argyl and Wind Gap, Plainfield Township

### REGION I

Pen Argyl borough  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than two

**Republican/Democrat**

**No candidates**

### REGION II

Plainfield Township  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

**Democrat/Republican**

**ROBERT C. RUTT**

### REGION III

Wind Gap borough  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

**Democrat/Republican**

**JOE GENNUSA**

## SAUCON VALLEY AT-LARGE

Borough of Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township  
**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than four

**Republican/Democrat**

**RALPH PUERTA**  
www.svsdsunshine.com  
Hellertown  
**D.O.B.:** 1948  
**EDUCATION:** Lehigh University bachelor's degree, materials science, 1970; MBA finance, 1981; EdD, education finance, 1999.  
**OCCUPATION:** President, Pennsylvania Metallurgical Inc.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** President, Saucon Valley School Board, 2006-09; SVSD board director, 2010-13.  
**RESPONSE:** Every candidate wants the best education for our children. But a fiscally unsound system will never succeed. From 1996-2005 SVSD spending increased 9 percent per year and taxes increased 8 percent per year. On election in 2006 I promised to use good business disciplines in public education. From 2006-2013 spending increased 2 percent per year and taxes 1 percent per year. We all worked together. I believe my participation and leadership helped to shape this successful period for SVSD.

**Republican**

**JOHN DOWLING**  
www.themeadowsschoolboardteam.com  
Lower Saucon Township  
**D.O.B.:** 1947  
**EDUCATION:** Rutgers University, MBA, 1977; Walsh University, bachelor's degree, 1969.  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired financial executive.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** St. Luke's Hospital Board of Directors 1990-98; Muhlenberg College Board of Directors 1991-03. Good Shepherd Hospital Finance and Investment committees 2006-2013; Walsh University, Board of Trustees 2007-13; Muhlenberg College, Distinguished Visiting Instructor, (pro bono), M&A and Multi-national Finance; C.P.A.  
**RESPONSE:** The major issue in the community is keeping taxes as low as possible. This can only be achieved through cost control. The total expense of instruction per student must not be allowed to continually grow. Pension costs must be controlled by carefully controlling the salary base. We all worked together. I believe my

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participation and leadership helped to shape this successful period for SVSD.

### EDWARD INGHHRIM

www.SVSDSunshine.com

Hellertown

**D.O.B.:** 1942

**EDUCATION:** SUNY, 1962, BS Electrical Engineering.

**OCCUPATION:** Retired; 1962-74 Bell Telephone Laboratories; 1974-84 AT&T; 1984-06 Bell Communications Research; 2006-11 Financial Strategies Group.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Director-Saucon Valley SD, seven years; Saucon Valley Partnership, five years; Lower Saucon/Hellertown delegate to Northampton County Tax Commission Committee; chairman Penn Foundation Advisory Committee, two years.

**RESPONSE:** Eight years ago I ran for the school board to correct years of runaway spending and taxing. Our district had the highest property tax in the county fueled by spending and tax increases of 8 percent and 9 percent per year. We have not increased taxes in four years and are shooting for five, academics standards have been maintained and we have not cut staff. With the looming pension crisis, we must maintain our fiscal discipline.

### RUSSELL LEBKUECHER

www.TheMeadowsSchoolboardteam

Hellertown

**D.O.B.:** 1956

**EDUCATION:** Graduate, Pen Argyl H.S. 1974 and Northampton C.C. business and marketing 1985.

**OCCUPATION:** President Meadows Grove and chef 1770 Meadow Road Hellertown.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Have been in business since 1989 and know how to control cost.

**RESPONSE:** Salaries and benefits; capital expenditures; general operating expenses. Make the right choices, common-sense morals, protect our homes in local town.

### Democrat

#### SANDRA MILLER

Lower Saucon Township

**D.O.B.:** 1961

**EDUCATION:** Saucon Valley High School, 1979; BA Penn State University, 1983; MPA Penn State University, 1984.

**OCCUPATION:** Self-employed as a property manager.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** School director, seven years; school volunteer, 14 years; legislative coordinator, Northampton County PSBA, two years; policy analyst, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, six years; health care administrator, six years.

**RESPONSE:** Maintaining a quality educa-

tional experience for our students in tough economic times will continue to plague school districts. We are faced with unfunded pension liabilities and state mandates. We must address the concerns of our taxpayers while meeting the needs of the students. Experience, having a true commitment to the school community and our citizens, and understanding the school system's complexities are essential qualities of a school director candidate.

### JEANNE M. REILLY

sites.google.com/site/reillyforsvschooldirector

Hellertown

**D.O.B.:** 1974

**EDUCATION:** Graduate, Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood, N.J., 1993; B.A. Haverford College, 1997; M.Ed. Lehigh University, 2011.

**OCCUPATION:** Southern Lehigh School District support staff.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Parent of sixth-, fourth- and second-grader at SV; Hellertown Area Library Board trustee and treasurer; community volunteer – SVYSA, SVPTG, SVPTO, St. Theresa's PREP teacher; experience working in schools.

**RESPONSE:** I believe that the major issue in this campaign is maintaining high educational standards while remaining fiscally responsible. As a parent, I care deeply about the quality of a Saucon Valley education. Parents need a voice on the board so that student needs are addressed and not ignored. Spending needs to be reined in with prudent cuts that do not adversely affect the quality of education.

### ROBERT K. PHILLIPS

Lower Saucon Township

**D.O.B.:** 1963

**EDUCATION:** B.S., DeSales University, 1989; MBA Moravian College, 1997.

**OCCUPATION:** Sales executive, AT&T.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Audit Committee, The Hillside School; Communications Committee, Musikfest; participated as a community member in SVSD board meetings since 2008 – I am familiar with current projects and workings of the board; parent of students attending Saucon Valley schools.

**RESPONSE:** Currently, a majority of the sitting board has a prime focus of cutting costs regardless of impact. Seven of nine directors do not have children attending our schools. Further, the administration has been restricted from using their best judgment to run our schools. I will put the students first and restore respect for staff and administration. This can be done without increasing costs. I am running to restore and enhance our status as a premier school district.

**Term:** 2 years

Vote for not more than four

### Republican

### No candidates

### Democrat

### MARK W. SIVAK

## WILSON AREA

Boroughs of Glendon, West Easton, Wilson; Williams Township

## REGION I

1st and 2nd Wards of Wilson borough

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

### Republican

### JANIS E. KRIEGER

**D.O.B.:** 1955

**EDUCATION:** Wilson Borough High School, 1973; BA, Lafayette College, 1977, Russian; MA, The Pennsylvania State University, 1979, Slavic languages and literature; specialized diploma, Northampton Community College, 1985, travel and tourism.

**OCCUPATION:** Corporate travel agent (International Team) for Gant Travel Management, having earned the degrees CTC and CTA and Destination Specialist: North America Designation.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** School board director, Wilson Area School District (Feb. 2012-present); member, board of trustees, Northampton Community College (Aug. 2012-present); board member and secretary, Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation (March 2009-present).

**RESPONSE:** My goals are to support the mission of our district; to ensure a key learning environment for our students; to equip faculty and staff with the latest educational innovations and technology; to keep our community informed; to contribute to the continued success of the entire WASD.

### Democrat

### LINDA A. BASKWELL

No response

**Term:** 2 years

Vote for one

### Republican/Democrat

### No candidates

## REGION II

3rd Ward of Wilson, Glendon and West Easton boroughs

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for not more than two

### Republican/Democrat

**SCOTT R. WAMSLEY**  
**TONY VERENNA**

## REGION III

Williams Township

**Term:** 4 years

Vote for one

### Republican

### BILL WALLACE

**D.O.B.:** 1956

**EDUCATION:** Perkiomen Valley H.S., 1974; Montgomery County Community College (AA), 1977; Penn State University (BFA and teaching certificate), 1980; Gatz College (MA Ed.).

**OCCUPATION:** Teacher: Pennridge South Middle School, 1986-present.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Incumbent Wilson school director, appointed November 2012; taught public schools for over 30 years; I am one of two Wilson School Board directors to serve on the Wilson LINCS Board.

**RESPONSE:** Williams Township needs a fiscal conservative and experienced school director who will maintain high academic standards, improve the curriculum and maintain safe, efficient buildings, as director, I voted to cut our preliminary budget thereby achieving a mere .5 percent increase in taxes (second lowest in the county). I attend board meetings regularly. I have served as a community youth wrestling, baseball and soccer coach. We are the proud parents of a Wilson High School sophomore honor student.

### Democrat

### JOHN CUSICK

**D.O.B.:** 1966

**EDUCATION:** B.A. Lehigh University, math and history; M.Ed. East Stroudsburg University, secondary education.

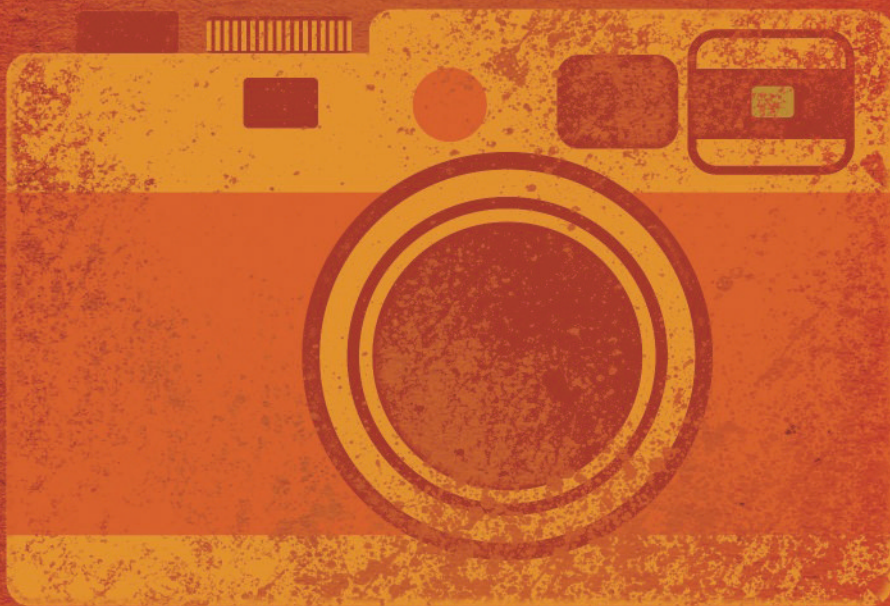
**OCCUPATION:** Math teacher.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Northampton County Council, eight years; council president three years; chaired Finance, Personnel and Open Space committees; Williams Township supervisor, chairman four years; board member: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission; Discover Lehigh Valley; Pa. County Commissioner Association.

**RESPONSE:** I intend to promote high educational standards, seek input from parents and staff, hold administrations accountable and scrutinize the budget for efficiencies. Pressuring our state Legislature to implement pension, special education, and charter school reforms to reduce our local tax burden, continuing integration of technology skills in the classroom, successfully implementing the required curriculum, and assuring that all students are prepared to pass the new Keystone Exams required for graduation are my priorities.



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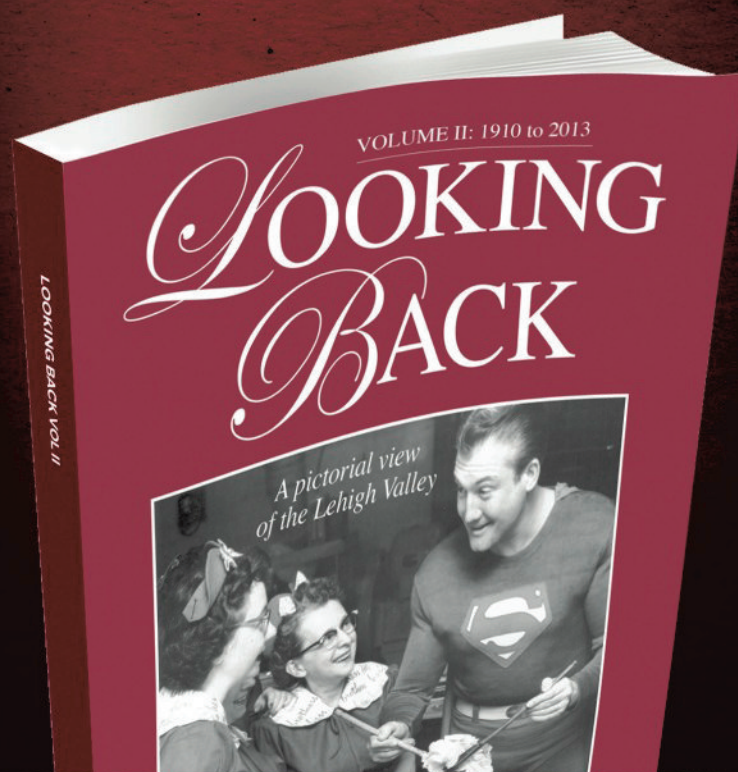


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